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## ADDITIONAL WRITING TOPICS

### *Process Analysis*

1. Write a *directive* process analysis (a “how-to” essay) in which, drawing on your own knowledge, you instruct someone in doing or making something. Divide the process into steps, and be sure to detail each step thoroughly. Some possible subjects (any of which may be modified or narrowed):
  - How to find games (or another kind of software) on the Internet
  - How to enlist people’s confidence
  - How to bake bread
  - How to meditate
  - How to teach a child to swim
  - How to select a science fiction novel
  - How to drive a car in snow or rain
  - How to prepare yourself to take an intelligence test
  - How to compose a photograph
  - How to judge cattle
  - How to buy a used motorcycle
  - How to enjoy an opera
  - How to organize your own rock group
  - How to eat an artichoke
  - How to groom a horse
  - How to bellydance
  - How to make a movie or videotape
  - How to build (or fly) a kite
  - How to start weight training
  - How to aid a person who is choking
  - How to behave on a first date
  - How to get your own way
  - How to kick a habit
  - How to lose weight
  - How to win at poker
  - How to make an effective protest or complaint

Or, if you don’t like any of those topics, what else do you know that others might care to learn from you?
2. Step by step, working in chronological order, write a careful *informative* analysis of any one of the following processes. (This is not to be a “how-to” essay, but an essay that explains how something works or happens.) Make use of DESCRIPTION wherever necessary, and be sure to include frequent TRANSITIONS. If one of these topics gives you a better idea for a paper, go with your own subject.
  - How a student is processed during orientation or registration
  - How the student newspaper gets published
  - How a particular Web search engine works